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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: **09/535,154**)
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Filed: **March 24, 2000**)
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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING**)
PROCESSING STAGES APPLIED TO A SIGNAL.)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENT(S) :

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
5,113,437	Best et al.	May 1992
5,319,735	Preuss et al.	June 1994
5,581,800	Fardeau et al.	Dec. 1996
5,822,360	Lee et al.	Oct. 1998
5,893,067	Bender et al.	Apr. 1999
5,940,135	Petrovic et al.	Aug. 1999



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PUBLICATION(S) :

C. Xu et al., "Applications of digital watermarking technology in audio signals", J. Audio Eng. Soc., Vol. 47, No. 10, pp. 805-812, Oct. 1999.

J. Lacy et al., "Intellectual Property Protection Systems and Digital Watermarking," Proceedings: Information Hiding, Second International Workshop, Portland, Oregon, pp. 158-168, 1998.

L. Boney et al. "Digital Watermarks for Audio Signals," Dept. of Electrical Engineering, Univ. of Minnesota, March 27, 1996.

M.F. Davidson, "Music File Filter," Sony Music, New York, May 23, 1999.

Philips Research Liquid Audio Fraunhofer Institute, "Digital Audio Screening Technology for Phased Rollout," v. 1.0, May 23, 1999.

"Microsoft Response to CfP for Technology Solutions to Screen Digital Audio Content for LCM Acceptance," Microsoft Corp., May 23, 1999.

"Audio Watermarking System to Screen Digital Audio Content for LCM Acceptance," Aris Technologies, Inc., May 23, 1999.

Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

Applicants also wish to call the Examiner's attention to the following two (2) co-pending U.S. Applications:

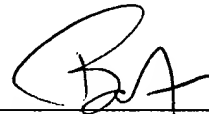
U.S. Patent Application No. 08/974,920, filed 11/18/98, to Petrovic et al., "Apparatus and Method for Embedding and Extracting Information in Analog Signals Using Distributed Signal Features", and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/106,213, filed

6/29/98, to Petrovic, "Apparatus and Method for Embedding and Extracting Information in Analog Signals Using Replica Modulation".

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

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